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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate East to Southeast winds freshening at times; fair.

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A special issue of the Hongkong Telegraph, enlarged to 20 pages, will be published tomorrow (Saturday).

It will contain a host of exclusive Christmas features to suit all tastes, interests and ages, and will make indispensable seasonal reading, as well as offer helpful information.

The Christmas edition of the Telegraph is something which nobody can afford to miss.

Chiang Kai-shek Rumoured To Be In Canton

No Foundation For The Report

The Canton correspondent of the United Press reported this morning that strong rumours that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had arrived in the city swept Canton last night, but there was no concrete evidence to support this possibility.

Police patrols were strengthened, and throughout the day searched Chinese passersby on Shamene and elsewhere in the city.

The Telegraph telephoned a reliable source in Canton this morning and was told that it was extremely unlikely the Generalissimo was there.

The opinion was expressed that yesterday's searchings were routine and that they were carried out in too casual a manner to suggest that the authorities were taking precautions to safeguard any eminent visitor.

15-POUND BABY

Brussels, Dec. 16.—When Madame Hillel gave birth to her nineteenth baby recently the doctor attending her claimed it was the largest baby ever born in Europe. The baby, which died shortly after birth, weighed 15 pounds 4 ounces.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Volunteer Defence Force

REORGANISATION of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps is a natural post-war development, and with the existing international tension and uncertainty, the move is vested with a touch of urgency. The authorities anticipate that it will take two years to bring the new Force to a desired strength of 6,000, which is not exactly rushing things. But in observing this Government, perhaps, must be credited with appreciating that it may not be an easy task to fill the ranks. While the conditions under which future Volunteers will join the Force are designed to correct the anomalies which caused a certain amount of discontent before the war, it is not easy to discover at the moment signs that the young men and women of the Colony are in any eager mood for volunteering. This enthusiasm, as in England, may have to be created. The attractions held out to old Volunteers and to the youngsters who, it is hoped, will respond to the call, are better pay and allowances, more adequate recreation for their dependants and recreational and social facilities. These, of course, are necessary features of any territorial or volunteer force, but it will remain to be seen whether they constitute a sufficient incentive. It is conceivable that it will be found necessary also to arouse the emotions and the spirit that, as in England, a recruiting campaign will be required. While we unreservedly support the Government in its efforts to reorganise the Volunteer Defence Force of six to seven thousand strong, we think Government would be making a mistake in blandly assuming that the necessary re-organising will be done by the existing Volunteer Force, as matters now stand.

Guns In Readiness In Tientsin

FIGHTING NEAR TANGKU

Peiping Is Still Holding Out

Tientsin, Dec. 17.—The Nationalists have placed guns in position facing north between Tientsin's central and east railway stations in preparation for battle. The guns, mounted on earthen emplacements in the open space, are located not only within the city's protection dam but also within the municipal area limits. They resemble pill boxes which are now almost a feature of this city's streets.

Gun crews were keeping warm last night in the nearby residential area where soldiers, in threes and fours, squeezed themselves into any available room. Many residential premises are now billeting troops whose movement on trucks have become suddenly evident.

A military spokesman here revealed last night that about two Communist divisions were engaged in fighting on the outskirts of Tangku, where rifle fire was audible.

Tangku harbour installation have been placed under military control and while the staff was believed to have remained behind, dependants withdrew as rapidly as the congested transport allowed.

The Westward Tientsin line was clear last night up to Lofa, 46 kilometres enroute to Peiping. The situation at Langfang, the next station, or at Fengtai, 19 kilometres from Peiping and the junction of the Peiping-Hankow railway, was not clear.

Pro-Government reports, however, admitted that the Nationalist Garrison at Huangshan, 35 kilometres from Peiping, had evacuated with troops falling back to join the defence of Peiping.

ROOFTOP SPECTATORS

In Peiping itself, observers on rooftops could see the approaching Communists and the din of exploding shells was clearly audible, the reports said.

WATER SUPPLY WEAKENS

Peiping's supply distribution pumps have been hit by electricity is fading, but it has been reinforced by 2,000 kilowatts from Tientsin.

The atmosphere generally continues unperturbed but the prices of necessities is increasing proportionately with the sound of gunfire which is heavy outside Peiping.

Eight aeroplanes have arrived at Nanyuan airfield on the southern outskirts which soon became a target for field guns, precipitating hurried departures with some intending evacuees left behind.

The native population of Tientsin is storing kerosene preparatory to the blackout following the increasing demands upon the local power plants from Peiping and Tangku.—Reuter.

POINTS RECAPTURED

Peiping, Dec. 17.—General Fu Tso-yi's headquarters announced on Thursday night that the Communists of four points just outside the walls of Peiping.

The most distant point mentioned as recaptured was Shiching-shan, site of the city power plant six miles west of Peiping. The city remained without electricity, as headquarters said the plant had been damaged.

Communist mortar shells began landing on the south side of the city after dark. Eight planes evacuating personnel of the Chinese National Air Transport Corporation, and the Central Air Transport Company took off hurriedly.

The Lutheran chartered plane Saint Paul was warned off by radio as it started to land, so turned back to Tientsin. It had made a successful trip in the morning.

The Communists surrounded the city life was as usual, except that thousands of civilians had been put to work building an emergency field for small planes on the north side of the old legation quarter.

Peiping has not fallen, although the Reds are swarming around its suburbs.—Associated Press.

ENCIRCLEMENT BROKEN

Nanking, Dec. 16.—The Nationalist Army broke the Communist encirclement of the 12th Army Group above Nanking, according to Government sources today, but the Reds, far to the north, have

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HK Products Exhibited



His Excellency the Governor opened yesterday the most ambitious exhibition of Hongkong-made products yet arranged. The picture shows Sir Alexander Grantham cutting the silk tape. With him are Mr. Shum Choy-wah (right) and Mr. U. T. Lee, chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union. Lower photo is a bird's eye view of the exhibition. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

UN Can Stop Third World War

DR EVATT'S CONFIDENCE

London, Dec. 16.—The United Nations can and will stop a third world war, Dr Herbert Evatt, the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, declared in London tonight.

Asserting that the United Nations Paris Assembly achieved a good deal despite the great power differences, Dr Evatt, who is Australia's External Affairs Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, said that to avert a third world war the alternative before the great powers is a modus vivendi enabling eastern and western coalitions to co-operate with each other despite political cleavages.

The trend at present is to use the United Nations as a dumping ground for problems that the great powers have failed to solve themselves.

Dr Evatt considered that some of the Assembly's greatest difficulties had been caused by great power disagreements existing before the deliberations of the United Nations and in some cases quite separately from them.

He cited the Berlin question, disarmament, atomic energy, Greece and Korea.

DESIRE FOR PEACE

The world desire for peace, he thought, would ultimately force the great powers to find a modus vivendi for mutual working that would avert the drift towards war.

He added: "The great powers must, as a first step, rid themselves of what might be called the obsession of Europe. They must recognise that not only Europe but the whole world is involved in every major problem, political or economic, that challenges peace."

He warned the world leaders that they—not the United Nations—were on trial. "The peoples of the world are behind the United Nations," he told Reuters on the eve of his departure for Australia.

"If the world's democratic leaders fall the United Nations, they will discover that they are no longer leaders. If they fail, then only positive action by the United Nations as a whole will stand between us and a third world war."—Reuter.

KC Refers To Belcher's Lost Integrity

London, Dec. 16.—John Belcher was described as "a man who has lost his integrity through association with an unscrupulous rogue" when the Tribunal investigating allegations of corruption in Government circles said today.

Mr Edmund Davies, making his closing speech on behalf of Harry Sherman, football pools chief, spoke of "the depth to which Belcher had sunk" because of his association with Sidney Stanley, an alien who has been the central figure in the inquiry.

LAUGHED IT OFF

Mr Davies said that Belcher had told other Government officials of allegations of corruption against them and himself. Yet, he had actually laughed it off and said that he did not propose to do anything about it. "A corruption of moral standards, at least, had been quite clearly established," Mr Davies said.

Describing Stanley as a "complete liar" to whose testimony no value could be attached, he said that part of the evidence against Belcher had been that he had been in the habit of carrying £20,000 or £30,000 in one pound notes about him.

This statement was "so outrageous that it is almost attractive," Counsel said that he had a letter from a person who had actually weighed

£30,000 in one pound notes and found the weight to be 67 pounds.

Mr Davies submitted that there was nothing sinister in the fact that Sherman had loaned Stanley £12,000. Sherman had felt the Board of Trade was unfair to him over his paper allocation. Stanley had told him that he could help him through his intimacy with Belcher, and had also told him that he would put Sherman on of business.

Sherman was, therefore, understandably glad to meet and even loan money to somebody who seemed able to help him.

Counsel for J. R. Cross, Belcher's 27-year-old private secretary, submitted that his client was wholly free from guilt and reproach.

His visit to Stanley's flat had been made because he wanted to safeguard the health of his client. (Cross had declared in his evidence that he thought Belcher had been drinking too much and Stanley's lavish hospitality contributed to this).

Mr H. Glyn-Jones, spoke for Robert William Liveridge, a witness who admitted that he had once avoided arrest on a fraud charge by leaving Britain.

Counsel declared that all the wide range of activities which the Tribunal had investigated here was no acceptable evidence that

FRENCH BLOW UP RUSSIAN RADIO TRANSMITTERS

Personal Protest By Soviet Commander

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The Soviet Commandant of Berlin, Major General Alexander Kotikov, tonight made a personal protest to the French Commandant, General Jean Ganeval, against the blowing up of the Soviet-controlled Berlin Radio transmitters in the French sector of the city.

German circles close to the Russian Military Administration said tonight that Moscow had sent direct orders to prepare for the carrying out of "severe counter measures." This report could not be confirmed.

General Kotikov, who drove to the French Military Government Headquarters, told General Ganeval that he could not accept as satisfactory his explanation that the transmitters were blown up because they constituted a danger to airlift at nearby Tegel Airport.

A French official spokesman said that General Ganeval "took note" of Kotikov's protest but again asserted that the safety of British and American supply planes landing at Tegel Airport was the only consideration when he made his decision. The interview lasted less than 15 minutes.

Berlin Radio resumed medium wave transmissions shortly before 10 p.m. Local time after a break of 12 hours.

Heine Schmidt, after apologising to listeners for the "breakdown" said: "The transmitters were destroyed because, unlike our studios in the British sector of the city, they were not protected by Soviet arms."

The actual blowing up of our transmitters was carried out by French sappers but the order came from Washington. I am convinced that this action will be repented. We will continue to use an emergency transmitter in the Soviet sector."—Reuter.

The Russian commandant of Berlin, Major-General Alexander Kotikov, formally protested the French action, declaring the dynamiting was "illegal and arbitrary." He said he was not satisfied with explanations that the towers menaced airlift planes.

The powers were used before Germany's defeat to transmit German propaganda.

The action, it is expected, to bring some retaliation, move by the Russians against the French for against all three Western Powers in the city.

ADN, the Soviet-licensed news agency, denounced the demolition as an "act of vandalistic destruction brought about by reactionary circles."—Associated Press.

Dutch Terms For Resuming Negotiations

The Hague, Dec. 16.—The Dutch Government today announced that it would resume negotiations with the Indonesian Republican Government only if the Republic ended truce violations and undertook to become one of the States of the Dutch-sponsored Federal Indonesia.

In an official statement, the Dutch rejected a letter from the Republican Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, which had proposed further negotiations after talks in Java had broken down.

The Dutch said the letter had been sent on Dr. Hatta's personal initiative and it had been "frequently seen from the Republican's attitude in the recent past" that the Republic was not prepared to be bound by individual actions.

Earlier today, the Republican Government called for arbitration as "the only peaceful means" of solving the three-year old dispute.—Reuter.

FLAMBOYANT PHRASE

The Attorney General had suggested that Liveridge lived for many years on the fringe of the criminal law. It was a flamboyant phrase without meaning and had no legal basis.

Liveridge great injury, twenty-one years ago he was associated with older men who had committed a crime. Since then he had never done wrong or had been charged with doing anything wrong.

Counsel declared that in the Tribunal's search for truth, Liveridge had not been convicted.

Counsel for Sir Maurice Black, the whisky distiller, said his client had instructed him to say he now recognised he had been indiscreet in giving gifts of liquor to Mr John Belcher. But he had not been corrupt.

Another barrister, Mr. Mervyn Hughes, said just before his speech on behalf of Mr George Gibson, the Bank of England director, was the Tribunal adjourned until tomorrow.

He asked that his client be cleared of any suspicion that he had been in any way corrupt.

Christmas

Lament

Some take their Rose's iced and tall,
Others for the Gimlet call,
As East is East and West is West
It's hard to say which is the best.
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WOMANSENSE

Winter Roses and Lilacs



By PRUNELLA WOOD

LADDIE NORTHRIDGE has sown his own garden (with millinery intentions) and the results include a fine crop of winter roses, lilacs and other pastel blooms not often fare for chilly, snowy weather. They will look mighty pretty snuggling into your fur collar, topping your pretty face and coiffure.

Right, a small, colorful hat of Farnus violet that, trimmed high at the side and back with slipper satin bows of pale blue and pale lilac color.



Laddie Northridge

Outwitting Dust In The Home

By ELEANOR ROSS

INDOOR dust storms should be as outmoded as gaslight in modern homes, according to Doctor Elaine Knowles Weaver, home economist at Ohio State University, who estimates that the average housewife devotes three hundred hours each year to removing dust and dirt from the house.

Doctor Weaver suggests that a planned dust control programme can cut house-cleaning time by thirty per cent. She has worked out a dust control programme that is worth some mighty serious attention. Her plan is mostly directed to those that are building, remodeling or furnishing.

Dust Infiltration

Good insulation, says Doctor Weaver, will decrease dust infiltration, and smooth floor and wall surfaces in places where dust enters the home, will make its removal easier. She suggests window sills lined with ceramic tile, not just for looks, but because it won't give the dust a resting place from which it can be blown around the house.

She suggests that furniture be selected not just for looks, but that the streamlined type should be chosen because it needs less dusting than the old-fashioned, many jointed pieces. Place a good thick doormat outside every house entrance to cut down on dirt dragged in.

A kitchen ventilating fan isn't only a great aid to comfort, but the smoke and volatile grease that it carries off isn't going to settle and dirty up the kitchen.

Successful Models Have Brains Besides Beauty

By JOHN ROSENBERG

MRS. Eileen Ford, who operates a \$250,000-a-year model agency in New York, said a successful cover girl must have "ego satisfaction." She also needs "individuality analysis" and "quality control."

"A girl has to have more than grace and photogenic beauty to be a top-notch model these days," Mrs. Ford said. "I have 34 of the best models in New York and they earn an average of \$10,000 a year each. Many of them make as high as \$25,000."

But the girls couldn't make the grade on shapely legs, or other physical accoutrements, alone. "They must be well adjusted mentally," she said. "That's where Mrs. Ford comes in. Only 25 and pretty enough to be a model herself, Mrs. Ford said she was well trained in psychology while attending Barnard College. "When I started the agency," she said, "I was quick to learn that models who ruined costly poses did so mainly because of their mental attitudes."

"I insisted on stimulating quality control by elevating modelling to a profession, of which any model's mother would be proud," she said. "Ego satisfaction, I found, was just as important and I strained every effort to building up the confidence of our girls. We give them every attention and try to keep their minds free from worry."

Mrs. Ford said she uses psychology on her customers, too. "I have long talks with them on the telephone," she said, and I try to analyse their moods. "The client is upset, and disoriented about something. It's easy to detect it. The problem then is to send him a girl who is chic and refreshing. A blonde, perhaps, tall and slender, with a sympathetic smile."

She said she rarely failed to send her clients the type of beauty they wanted. "Consciously or sub-consciously."

Her formula, she said, brought her a booming business. "I have eight phones and take 200 calls a day," she said. "They're driving me mad."

Around The Town

—with Mercia Hillaly

THERE need be no problem of what to do with the kiddies on a Saturday afternoon, for the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association committee has arranged a wonderful fair for tomorrow at Murray Parade Ground.

There will be over fifty stalls, and the committee has the assistance of the senior boys and girls of many schools and clubs here.

There will be a number of novel competitions, as well as an interesting selection of prizes. A tea stall will be run by Mrs. H. Ching, and a cakes and home products stall by Mrs. Yee. Mesdames Egan and Propoff will conduct the fortune-telling booth.

A few hundred European shoes have been sent in, and these will be going at bargain prices, I am told. Band music will also be provided throughout the afternoon.

A fancy dress Christmas ball will take place tonight at the Union Jack Club. The 1st Battalion, the Buffs, is providing music, and there is going to be really good prizes for the best costumes. The Union Jack Club is open to all Forces personnel.

ZBW can still handle many more requests for the Christmas Day broadcast, so send yours in before they are really flooded out. Miss Susan Howard is attending to Variety Requests, but Units and Forces requests must go to Linda Cater, and civil and military hospital requests to Nan Dickinson.

The P. G. will lose its pianist early next year, as Michael Roder has been granted his long-awaited visa to the United States. He has been in Hongkong for about eight years.

Mr. Roder will go to New York to further his musical studies at the Juilliard School of Music. His tastes definitely lie with more serious music, although in his work—that is,

public taste he plays light classical or jazz. He thinks it a pity that there aren't more serious music lovers in Hongkong.

He has played once or twice over ZBW and gave a concert in November of last year at the Hongkong Hotel. He also said he might give a farewell concert before he leaves.

The ideas for Mr. A. E. Luff's play, "The Romantic Ghost," came to him whilst he was listening to music. His play will be broadcast next week over ZBW.

It is about an author who lives so much in his imagination that he falls in love with a feminine creation of his own. But unlike most dream girls, this one materialises.

There are all sorts of complications and humorous situations, but you'll know more about it when you listen in.

Bob Darnell, Eric Sala, Moira Hopewell and Mr. Ferguson are taking part.

A very promising artist will exhibit his work at the Hongkong Hotel next week. He is being sponsored by the Société de Littérature et d'Art Français.

M. Joseph Valence is from Hanoi, and is an Expressionist. On Cheung Chau Island, where he lives with his family, he finds endless inspiration for his work, and he has been painting very diligently for the last few months.

M. Jobez, the French Consul, is contributing several prints and woodcuts by well-known French painters to the same exhibition, to be opened next Thursday.

Home Hint

In choosing paint for kitchen and bathroom walls, oil paint is preferred because it can be washed frequently and offers resistance to high humidity often found in these rooms. This type of paint is also desirable for children's rooms, basements and woodwork, that must be washed often.

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By HELEN FOLLETT

PUTTING the rosy glow on those pink sheaths on her finger tips is something that no woman fails to do. To have her talons colourless is a good-looks lapse. But keeping the nails in a healthy state, the surrounding cuticle soft and pliable, is something else again. It is a real beauty duty, not to be neglected.

Many women, busy these days as never before, find little time for professional attentions. Also, they may fancy that polish covers up good looks sins. Bad business. The finger nails can change in character as can the hair, the complexion, the feminine shape.

At least once a week the cuticles should be filed. Use a metal flexible file, pass the orange wood stick under the cuticles, use the emery board to give a smooth, fine finish. Work from sides to centre, so you won't saw into the flesh at the sides. A pleasing oval is the prevailing mode. Not too long by the way. Claws are not fashionable.

Scrub your hands with warm soap suds and a brush, letting them

soak a few minutes so the flesh will be soft. Apply a cuticle cream, frictioning into the nails as well as the surrounding flesh. Use the stick gently, doing circles to free the cuticle. If you flush up, hangnails, clip them carefully with the curved, needle point scissors.

To clean this away you can use nail white with the stick or a pencil. The pencil is a convenient, works quickly. Now for another scrubbing. Every bit of the cream must be removed, or your polish will not endure. Rinse, dry your hands well.

Apply only a light film of the varnish and let it dry, then another application is in order.

You will be interested in the new polishes on display at cosmetic counters. More shades than you can imagine, ranging from deep coral to the deepest wine tones. Some women are using lighter shades. Maybe just to please some members of the other sex who still say they dislike bright red fingertips.



Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Spiced Foods Have Variety

VARIETY may be the spice of life, but it's spice that gives variety to our daily meals. We all know that foods lacking in flavour are not enjoyable and that the same foods, properly seasoned, can be most appetising.

"I am disappointed," said the Chef, "that more people do not take advantage of the opportunity to use the variety of spices and herbs."

"That's a fair criticism," I answered. "Most homemakers seem to work with a very limited group of seasonings. Salt, pepper, bay leaves, poultry seasoning, cinnamon, clove, ginger and table mustard are the usual seasonings in most households."

"No wonder the food tastes the same all the time," said the Chef.

"They need the nutmeg and the mace; the allspice; the cinnamon bark and the whole cloves; the poppy, the celery seed."

"Mixed Pickle Spice"

"Then there is the mixed pickle spice, I use it every time. I make up a little of the different kinds of pepper; cayenne for the 'hot' touch; white pepper for the light coloured dishes; whole black peppercorns to grind for that snappy taste; paprika for a mild flavour; and, of course, chili peppers for Mexican and Latin American dishes."

"Then there are all the herbs such as mint, basil, dill, marjoram, thyme, sage, tarragon and horse-radish," I added. "And the seasoning salts, garlic, celery and onion. Many homemakers think it's extravagant to buy whole and herbs. They don't realise that by making intelligent use of a wide variety of seasonings they can bring down the cost of their meals by using many more budget foods and making them taste good. Of course, it might be too expensive to buy a full supply at one time, but they can be bought at regular intervals, one kind at a time. As small amounts of spices and herbs are needed, they will last a long time."

"They will last if the homemakers take good care of them," remarked the Chef. "The delicate flavouring oils of spices are very sensitive. They must be kept away from the light and air. I keep my collection in a large, tightly closed tin box. If the air is not kept away the flavour soon goes away and the spices lose their strength. I am very careful to keep each can of spice tightly covered."

Word to Homemakers

"Now I want to put in a word for the homemakers, Chef. There's a reason why spices often stand exposed to the air. Those cans with the perforated or slotted tops are very difficult to open. Often it means ruining a perfectly good mixture, or breaking a finger nail. So, in sheer exasperation a woman is

forced to use a can opener. Naturally, this leaves the spice exposed. But of course if this happens, the spice should be turned into seasonings that have been used; just enough to bring out natural flavour, but never enough to be over powering.

The following dinner is very inexpensive. But you will find every dish appetising and delicious because of the interesting seasonings that have been used; just enough to bring out natural flavour, but never enough to be over powering.

Dinner

Lamb and Rice Ball Soup
Bean-Stuffed Green Peppers
Tomato Sauce
Green Peas
Poppy Seed Rolls
Butter or Margarine
Apple-Peach Scallops
Top Cream
Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Lamb and Rice Ball Soup

Combine 1 c. moist cooked rice with 1 c. cooked lamb put through the food chopper together with 1 slice of onion and 2 sprigs parsley. Add 1/2 tsp. powdered dried mint, 1/4 tsp. allspice and 1 egg yolk. Mix and shape into balls the size of walnuts. If the mixture seems too dry to stick together, add 1 tsp. flour and 1 or 2 tsp. milk or tomato juice. Roll the balls in an egg white that is slightly beaten. Drop into 6 c. boiling lamb broth, made from left-over lamb bones and vegetables, seasoned with 1/2 tsp. pickle spice, and reinforced as necessary with 1 or 2 bouillon cubes to bring up the meat flavour. Simmer about 12 min. Serve in soup plates, with 3 lamb and rice balls in each.

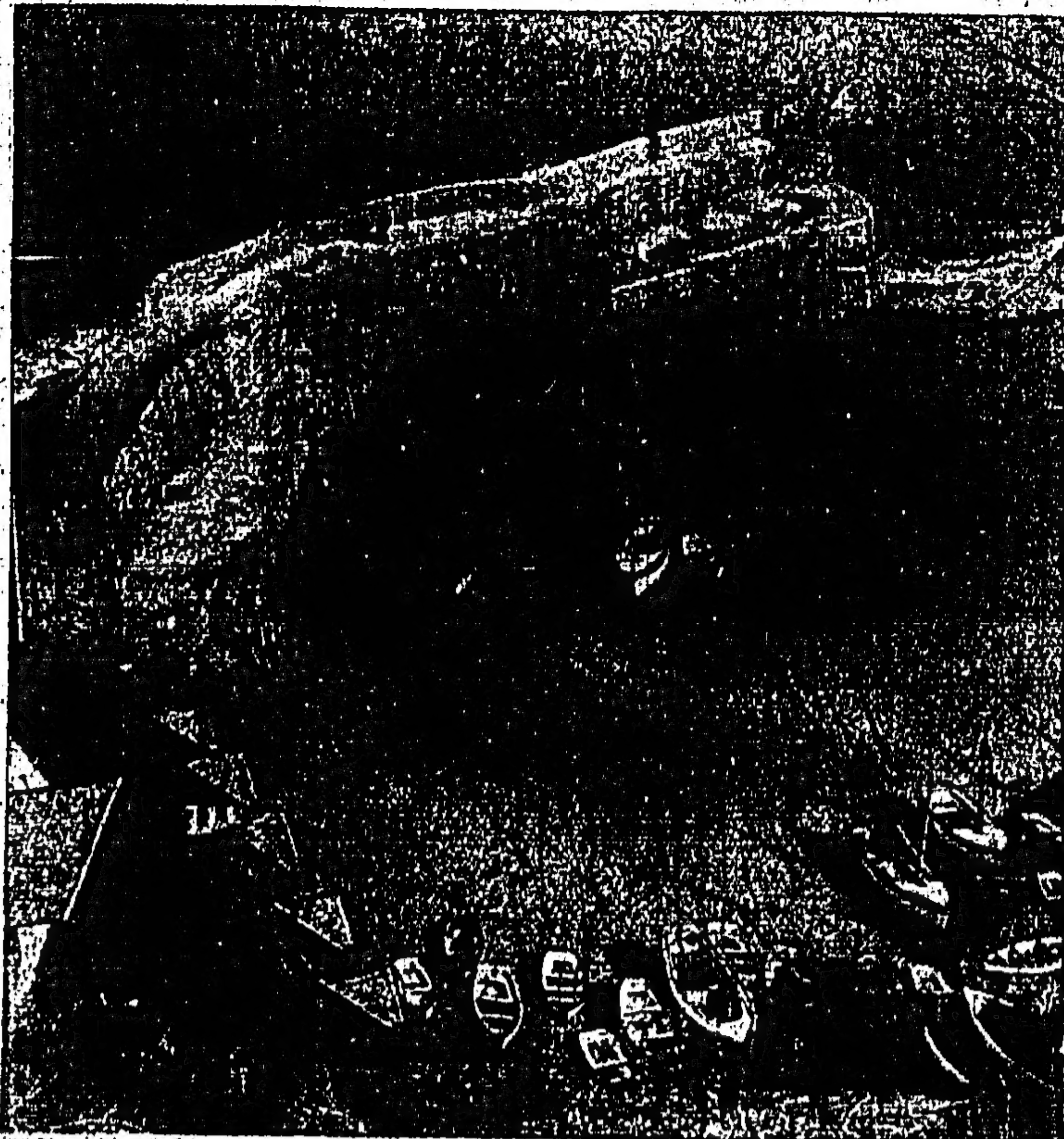
Bean-Stuffed Green Peppers

Select 4 medium-sized sweet green peppers. Cut in halves, lengthwise and remove the seeds and cores. Boil the peppers 5 min. in salted water to cover. Then drain; meanwhile prepare the filling as follows: Combine the contents of 1 (No. 2) can baked beans with 1/2 tsp. horse-radish, 1/4 tsp. Top Cream, 3 tsp. fine stale bread crumbs and 1 tsp. melted bacon fat. Fill the green pepper halves with this mixture. Then lightly oil a shallow fireproof baking dish. Pour in 2 (8 oz.) cans tomato sauce. Put in the stuffed peppers. Bake in a hot oven, 400 F., for 30 min. or until browned. If desired, a fourth slice of bacon may be placed on each pepper 15 min. before the dish will be done.

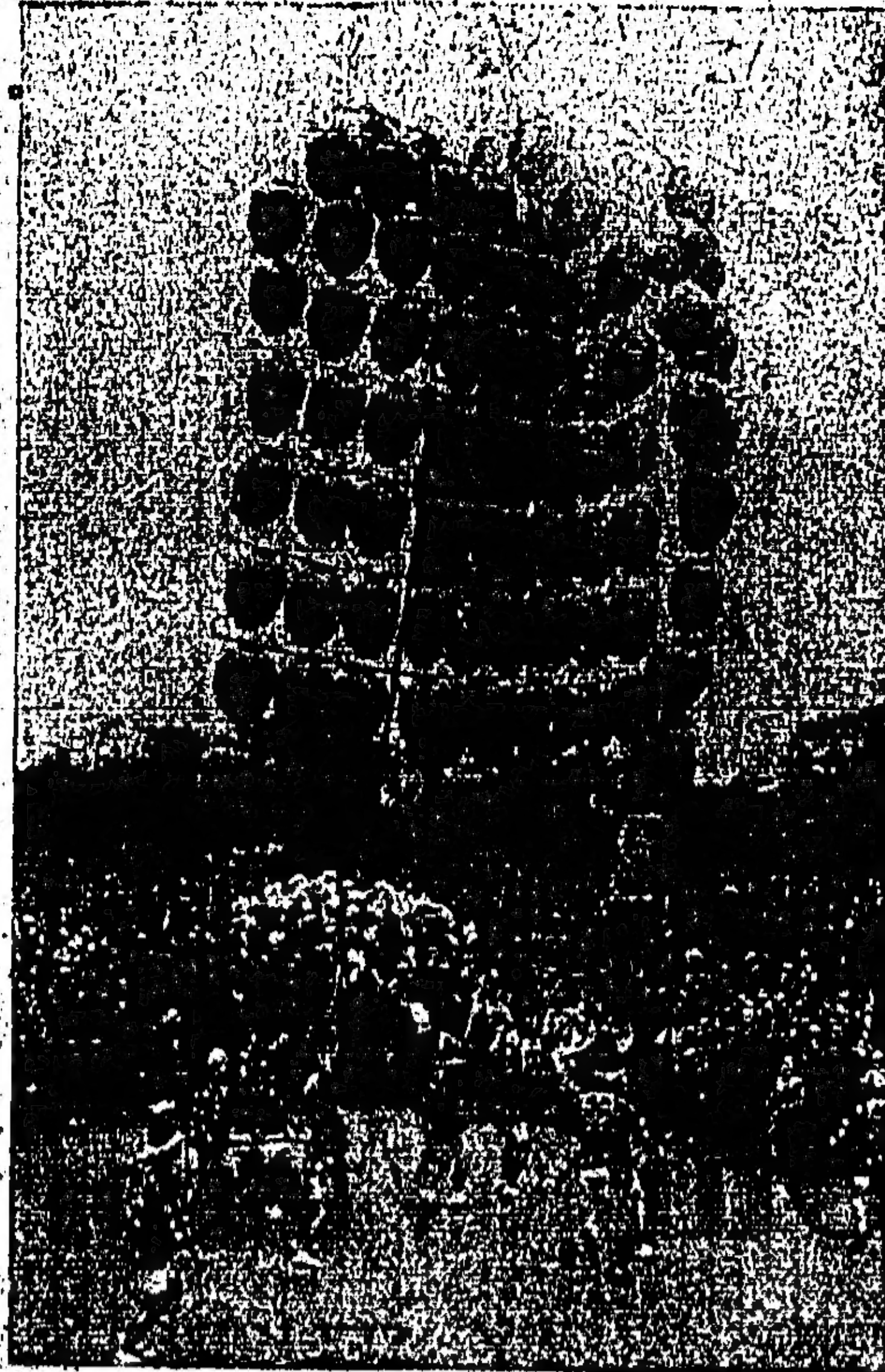
Apple-Peach Scallops

Peel and core-chop enough tart apples and peaches to make 2 E. Slice in 1/4 tsp. each cinnamon and clove. 1/2 c. sugar and 1/4 c. butter crumbled dry cake or broken cookies, or a combination of both. Transfer to a 4-1/2 sized buttered baking dish. Dot with 2 tsp. butter or margarine. Bake 35 min. in a moderate oven, 375 to 400 F. Serve warm, cold with top cream. Garnish with sweetened, flavoured whipped cream or whipped evaporated milk.

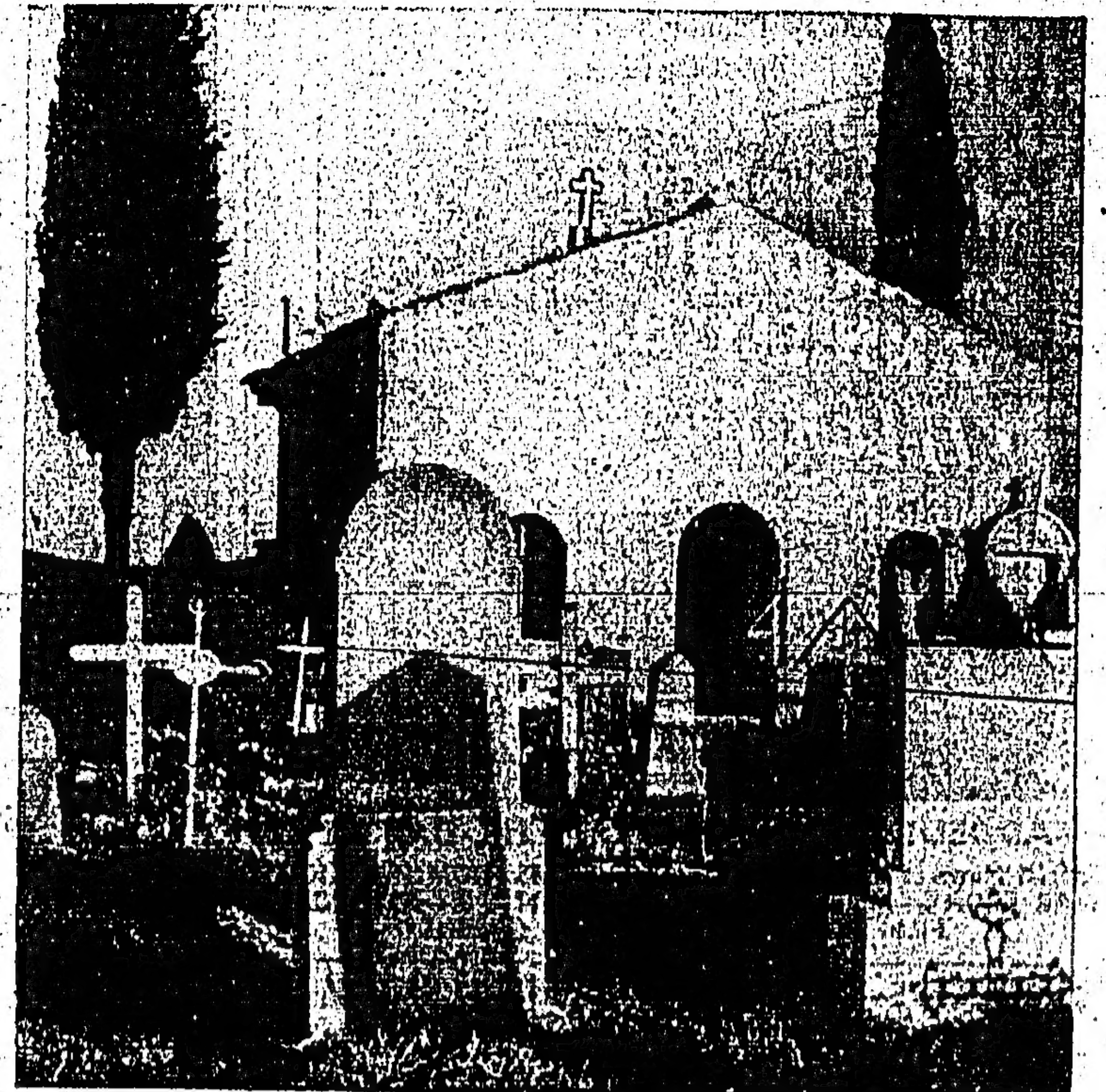
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



EBB TIDE—Mooring ropes form a picturesque pattern at low tide in the harbour at Clovelly, North Devon. Sheltered from the pounding surf by an ancient stone breakwater, the quaint little harbour is an anchorage for the many boats in the seaside town.



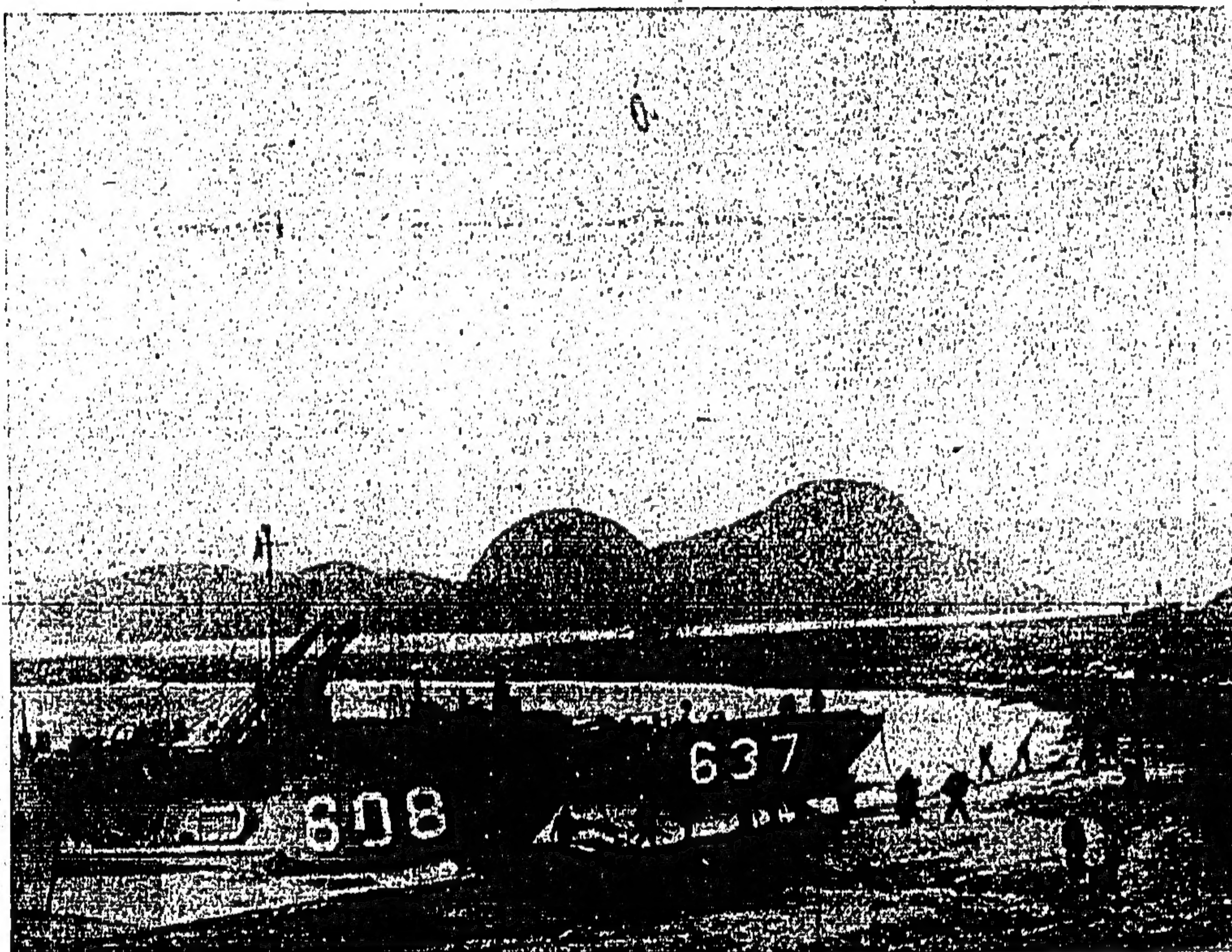
JAPANESE LANTERNS—A feature of the first annual Culture Day parade in Tokyo was this lantern dance on the Imperial Palace Plaza. Witnessed by an estimated 30,000 persons, the celebration was adopted early this year as one of Japan's regular national holidays.



THE DEAD DIVIDED—A single strand of wire, once used by the U.S. Signal Corps, stretches across the cemetery in Gorizia, Italy, marking the new boundary line between Italy and Yugoslavia. Persons once buried in their native Italy lie in a cemetery one-third of which is now Yugoslav. Frontier guards have already created incidents with those visiting the dead.



COMPLETE WITH ROYAL CREST—Louise Roberts, left, displays one of the 100 diapers that have been sent to Princess Elizabeth by the U.S. National Institute of Diaper Services. Hostess Beth Antosh holds the parcel which was flown to London from New York, to be used by baby Prince Charles.



NORTHERN LANDING—U.S. Marines stream ashore in the bleak, fog-shrouded shores of Argentina, Newfoundland, during the second phase of naval cold weather exercises. The landing craft are LSTs.



CHANGING IN MIDSTREAM—Kamila Mahfouz, of Cairo, gets a lift on to the liner DeGrasse in New York harbour by fellow late arrivals. One of three persons to miss the boat, she was taken out to the liner in a tugboat. Miss Mahfouz was bound for home after a visit to the United States.

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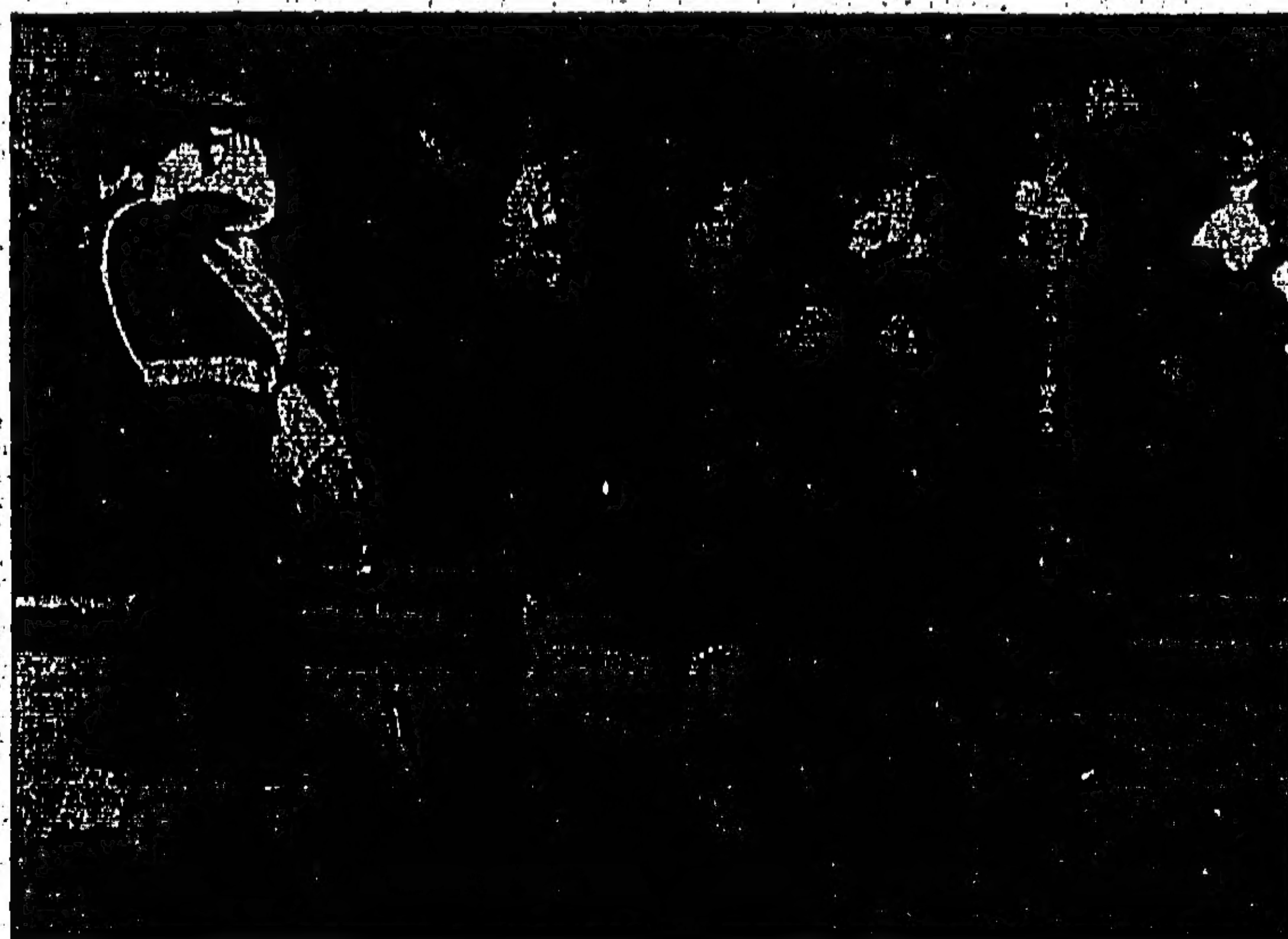
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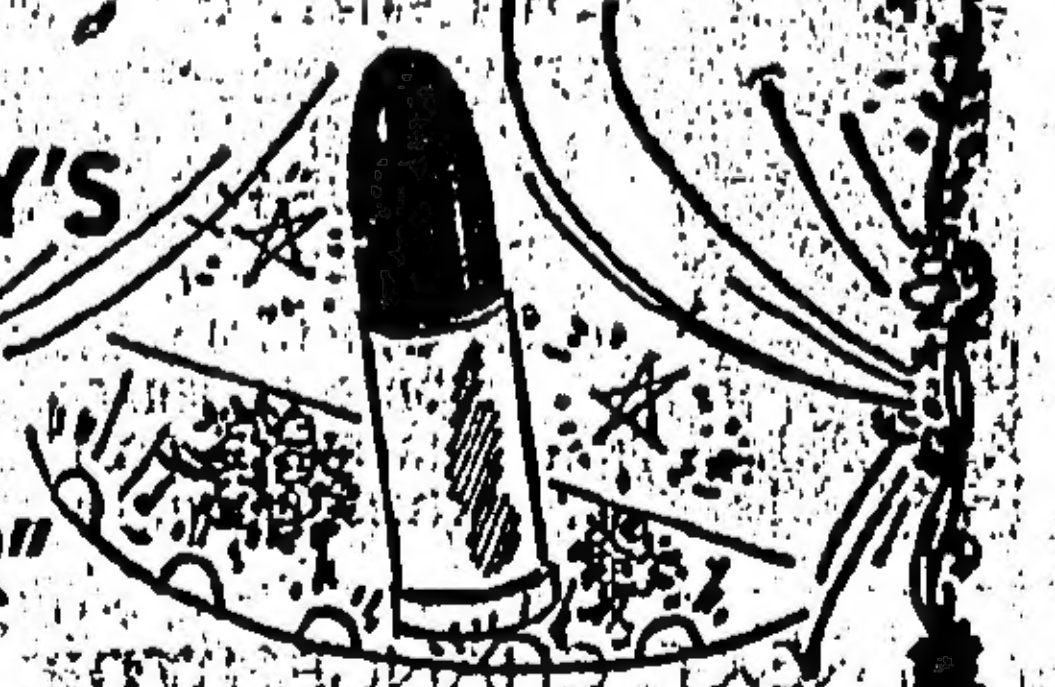
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ALSO ON PARADE—Completely oblivious of the lordly splendour attached to the ceremonies of the Lord Mayor's Show in London, this wayward pup felt himself perfectly welcome. As the Lord Mayor, Sir George Ayloffe, accepts the salute of a sailor at Guildhall, the dog trots merrily along.

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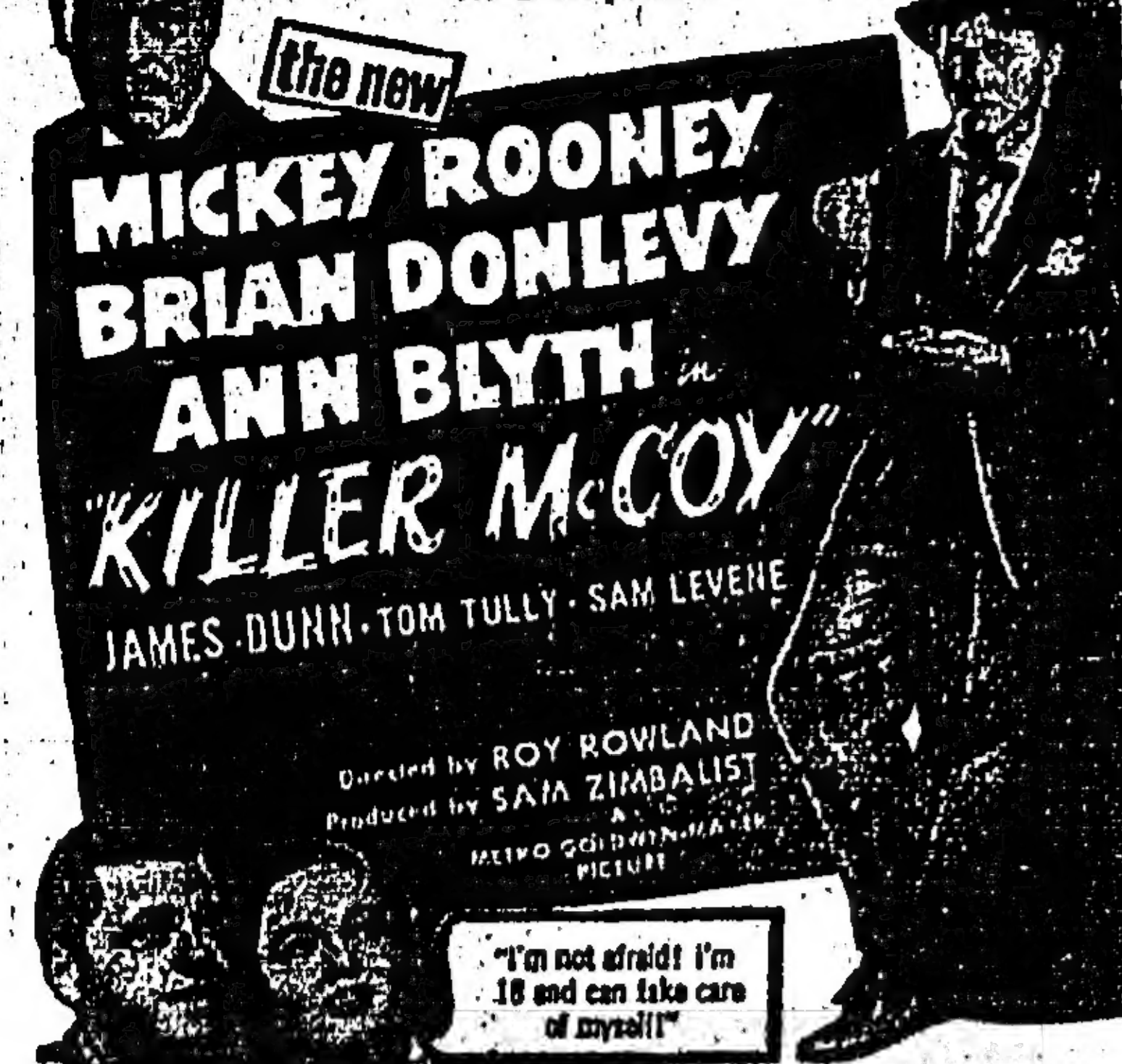
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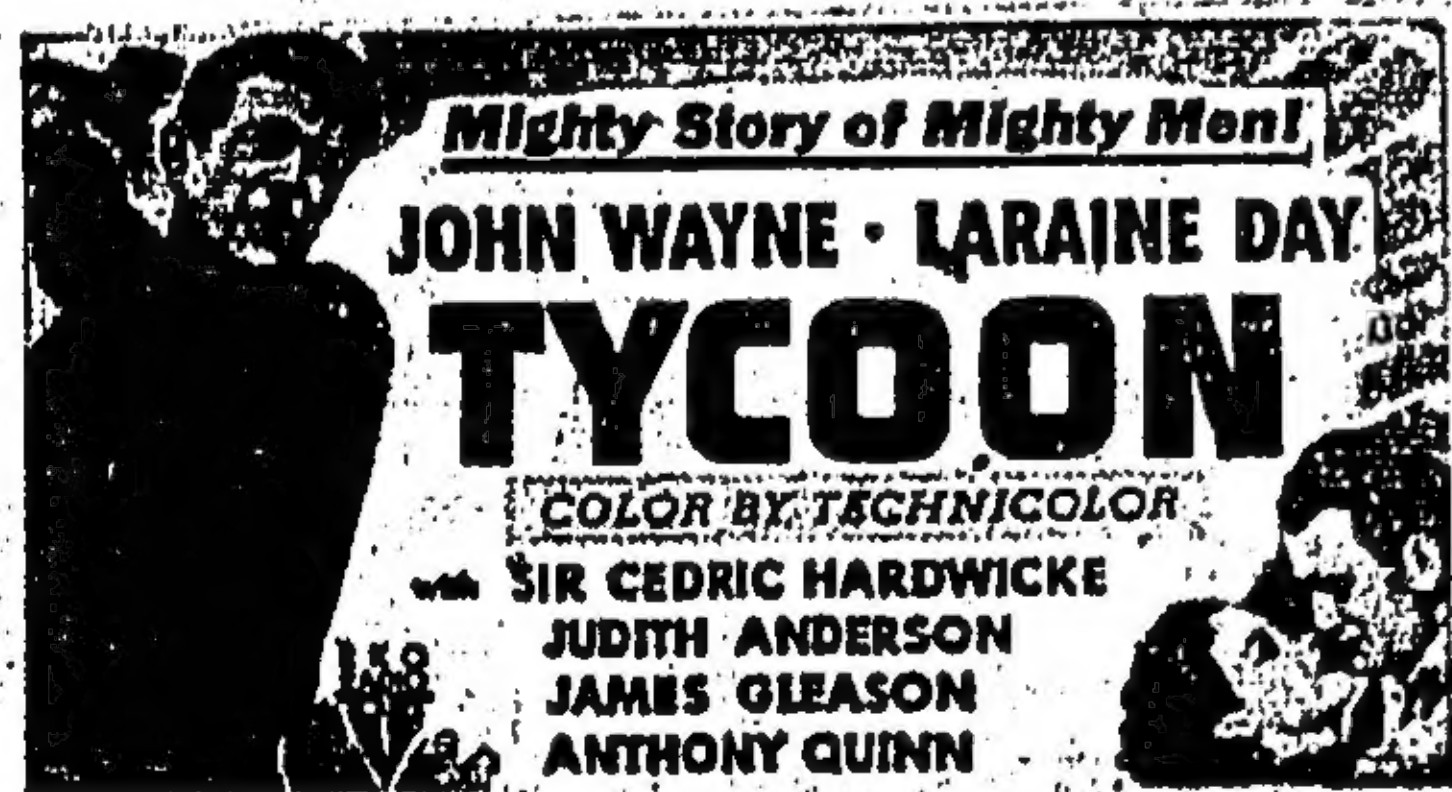


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We've Thrown Away Our Victory Sign

BY SELKIRK PANTON

HAMBURG.
THE British in Germany are rapidly becoming the poor relations of the Germans.

The decision by the Kiel trade unionists to cold-shoulder British men and women (as a protest against a Military Government decision) is the latest symbol of a recent change in Anglo-German relations.

Even the word "Victory" seems to be denied to the British now.

They had their "Victory Club" in Hamburg, which was opened when the British Army took the city. Recently the Germans hinted that they did not like it; it was, perhaps, not in the best of taste, no?

Down came the two-foot high letters, and the British Army now goes to the renamed Hamburg House.

Then up gets Herr Erich Klambunde, fiery young Socialist leader in the Hamburg Senate and tells the British to get out of their Garrison Theatre. The Germans want it back, he says. He hints that there have been some "financial irregularities" in the British management.

He is applauded by the Germans. That is right, kick the British about. It is the latest German political sport. The British do nothing, but stay put—for the time being.

Too dear

IN Hamburg—there is an Anglo-German club, started by the British to improve relations with the Germans. Now senior British officials find it too expensive for them. But the Germans can still afford it. The British officials are embarrassed.

The Germans ask them to their homes, or to German restaurants, for six-course meals unknown in Britain. When the British want to return this hospitality, what can he do?

He cannot afford the German restaurant prices at the present exchange rate. He is ashamed to invite the Germans to eat Army rations in British messes or clubs.

Two reasons

THERE are two reasons for this new relationship. ONE is the top-level "Woo the Germans" policy, which credits them with being nearly always right.

THE OTHER is the German currency reform. This has sent every production graph leaping upwards, has filled the shops with goods, brought out the food from the farms, and given the people fairly stable money to spend.

Even the British and Americans who carried out the reform are amazed by its effects. Industrial production is now 70 percent of the 1936 figure—the boom year. When Goering started his "four-year plan" production drive.

To the German this means prosperity. To the British it means poverty: he used to get 40 marks to the pound, now he gets 13½. And

everything costs three times as much. This absurd and artificial exchange is very close to the rate on which Hitler ran his Reich. But Hitler at least gave tourists 20 to 25 marks to the pound; far closer to the present real value of the mark.

The British in Germany have been told to cut their petrol consumption by 50 percent to save dollars. Not so the Germans.

They are excused the call for austerity. The fight to halt the dollar debt of £200 million a year for the imports of food, petrol, oil, feeds, and fertilisers which are given to them is not a German worry.

So cheerfully they ask the Anglo-American Diphtheria Board in Frankfurt for as much petrol as they want. The British demur, and say "it could be cut by 50 percent without harming the German economy."

But the Americans, not short of petrol and with plenty of dollars, say: "Let 'em have it." And the Germans get it.

Of course, it is intended only for business purposes. Pleasure and week-end motoring without special permits is forbidden. But if you are caught? The fine ranges from 3s. to 30s.

The Germans get a monthly ration averaging 15 gallons a car at the prevailing price of 3s. a gallon. A private British motorist in Germany gets 11 gallons.

The German, if he runs short of petrol, can buy all he wants on the black market at about 5s. a gallon—a serious offence for any Briton caught trying it.

So the German official or business man when he travels goes by car. The British official is forbidden to do this except in urgent cases. His best hope is to engage a lift from a German friend going the same way.

Even in the matter of visas the German has the advantage. Neatly 4,000 Germans are now going to Britain every month. Since the war 14,000 German brides have gone to Britain to marry. But they paid nothing for their visas to enter Britain—a monthly loss of about £2,000 to the British Treasury.

The British, of course, pay a fee to enter Germany. It is worth paying to see the food in Germany. The Germans admit they are better fed than at any time since the war, possibly since before the war. The British and Americans are importing

almost twice as much food as last year.

Every German—whatever his ration scale—can buy vegetables and fruit without restriction. Eggs, potatoes, coffee, and spirits are cheaper on the black market than on the controlled price, and there is a glut of potatoes.

The off-ration food shop windows display turkey and geese at 7s. 6d. a lb., chicken at 5s. a lb. On-the-ration there is a choice of 30 different sausages.

They eat—

THE restaurants, at prices slightly higher than I used to pay in Germany before the war, offer meat plentifully. "Mein herr has no ration coupons?" Ah, that is quite simple. You pay perhaps an extra 1s. on the bill.

If you are British you cannot enjoy any of this food legally. It is forbidden to buy or consume any German produce.

Outside, the traffic in the narrow streets is awful. That queue over there? They are the British who have been to the family shop and are now waiting for a bus to take them home. It goes every half an hour.

It can be a cold wait, too, because passing Germans can hardly be expected to offer a lift in their cars.

The Story Of Tokyo Ike

ISAAC SHAPIRO went on a solo camping 'trip' in Japan when he was 14. That was four years ago, and he hasn't been home since. He wound up this year as a freshman at Columbia University to begin the last chapter of one of World War II's strangest stories.

An anonymous U.S. Marine wrote the last chapter of Ike's story. The Leatherneck isn't anonymous to Ike; it's just that he made some lightning-like moves from a Japanese fortified zone to the U.S. Army to the Marines, doesn't want to put his benefactor on the spot.

After all, Ike points out, it was good Marine salesmanship that got him where he is right now. His camping trip began soon after the Japanese armistice, when Ike got restless over long months of confinement in a fortified zone. The camping idea was an excuse to get his father's permission to leave home; instead, he scampered off to Tokyo to see what the Yankees looked like.

He hadn't seen one before, as far as he could remember. The White Russian father, a cellist and conductor of the Tokyo Symphony, his mother, a pianist; they kept their son fairly well sheltered at home and in Japan's parochial schools. But he learned English, as well as Japanese and Russian.

When Ike got to Tokyo, the U.S. Army almost got him. Outside MacArthur's headquarters, he helped out an Army captain who couldn't make himself understood to a Japanese bus driver. The officer offered Ike a job as interpreter, and even took Ike into headquarters to meet his prospective boss.

Marines Take Over

It was on the way out of the building a few minutes later that the Marines took over. A fast-talking Leatherneck lieutenant, with whom Ike stopped to chat, sold him on the idea of the same job, plus better food and quarters, at the U.S. Naval Air Base at Yokosuka.

One week later, the base became an all-Marine operation. Ike's new commandant, the colonel, told him to stick around. Ike's been sticking around, so to speak, ever since.

The colonel-interpreter relationship ripened into a warm friendship between a war-wise officer and a willing-to-learn youngster. And the colonel decided to do something about Ike's future.

When he was transferred to Honolulu, the colonel sent for Ike, and got him into a Hawaiian high school. The school records recorded nothing but "A," and the colonel began a letter-campaign to get Ike into a U.S. college.

Now Ike has settled down to the four-year grind at Columbia, and the colonel sailed off for a tour of sea duty.

There will be a whale of a two-man reunion come June, 1952.

How Films Were Invented In London

HOW many of today's vast cinema-going public know that they owe their entertainment to the discovery of an Englishman whose name today is almost forgotten.

Edison is widely credited in America with being the inventor of cinematography. On the Continent the claim is made for the brothers Louis and Auguste Lumiere, of France.

But the distinction in fact belongs to William Friese-Greene, who patented the first moving-picture camera and projector using celluloid films in London in 1889.

Not until two years later did Edison bring out his famous peep-show—the kinetoscope, says Ray Allister in "Friese-Greene: Close-up of an Inventor" (Marshall Publications 12s. 6d.), just published.

Friese-Greene was born at Bristol in 1855, youngest of seven children. His name was Greene, but when he married he added his wife's name, and a final 'e' to the Green 'to give it balance'.

He came to London in 1885. His "wonderful studio photographs" were all the rage.

But Greene spent more of his time working on a pet idea—a moving-picture camera which used celluloid films.

One night in 1889, a London policeman on boat in Brooke-street, Holborn, was startled by Greene dashing up to him crying: "I've got it!"

Hustling the constable into his tiny laboratory Greene said: "Just wait a minute, and I'll show you the most wonderful thing you ever saw."

He threaded some 50 ft of celluloid film on to a reel.

Fumbling out the light Greene said: "Now watch."

A fascinated policeman watched the flickering screen as it showed a man walking through Hyde Park dragging a small boy, followed by leisurely pedestrians, open-topped buses, slow-going hansoms—a typical Sunday morning parade.

It was the world's first film show, lasting barely a minute.

Greene that night went home and celebrated with champagne. But the cinema never brought him a fortune.

A few months later he was so hard pressed for cash that he sold the patent for £500 to a London merchant, Harry Cheater Master.

Records show that it lapsed in 1894 for want of a renewal fee of £5—and vision.

About this time Greene forewent the possibilities of synchronising sight and sound on films—talkies. Edison's phonograph gave him the idea.



First film made on celluloid. Hyde Park, 1889.

So he wrote to Edison "as a brother scientist and inventor" suggesting they should pool their brains.

All he got in reply was a formal acknowledgment from one of Edison's staff.

Years later Edison denied ever having been told about Greene's offer. But it was not long before one of his assistants greeted him with a film show one morning.

The manager's face was flashed on to a screen as the great inventor entered his office, and a recorded voice said, "Good morning, Mr. Edison."

Between 1891 and 1910, Greene was declared bankrupt three times.

Greene's next invention was a process for printing by photography. He sold it to Sir George Newnes, the publisher, for £2,000.

On Christmas Eve in 1915 an old friend, visiting Greene and his family in Brighton, had a shock.

They were without food or fire. After giving them all the money he had he returned to London and appealed to the film trade for funds for Greene.

All he collected was £130 0s. 2d. One May morning in 1921 Greene, now 66, set out to attend a meet-

ing of film industry representatives in the Connaught Rooms, London. "War" had broken out between renters and exhibitors.

"If only I could be the peacemaker," Greene kept repeating to friends.

In the midst of the hubbub he rose to speak. With tears streaming down his face, he pleaded for compromise.

Then he slumped, and friends, going to his help, found him dead. All the money he possessed was found in his pocket, 1s. 10d.

But in death he achieved his purpose. Lord Beaverbrook, who presided at the meeting, was appointed to act as intermediary between three committees which were set up to represent sections of the industry. Peace had come at last.

The film trade, shaken by the tragedy, set out to give Friese-Greene in death the honour it never paid him while he lived.

At three o'clock on the day Greene was buried in Highgate Cemetery, Cinema throughout Britain observed a two-minute silence.

Along the funeral route from Golden-square the whole film industry turned out to pay homage to its founder.

In Highgate Cemetery today the late Sir Edwin Lutyens memorial to Friese-Greene gives the patent number, No. 10301, of Greene's first moving-picture camera.

The inscription says simply: "His genius bestowed upon humanity the boon of commercial cinematography."

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By Ernie Bushmiller



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TOMORROW'S LEAGUE CRICKET

RECREIO STAND COMFORTABLY
TOP OF THE LEAGUE

Except for three postponed games, tomorrow's programme will see the end of the first half of the First Division Cricket League season. Recreio have a comfortable three-point lead on the Army and will be up against an easy opponent.

Army, to close this margin, require a win while Recreio draw. The chances are that Recreio will win comfortably tomorrow while Army, faced with the now formidable Scorpions, should draw at best, perhaps lose.

Cricket is the most unpredictable of games and what may be looked forward to from the second half of the season should be far different from what was served up in the first half.

Recreio has been a steady quantity all through. Their team is no better or worse now than it was when the season commenced. There have been some radical changes of form in most of the other teams.

Craigengower and IRC, apparently the Army as well, seem to have fallen off what they were in October and November.

The RAF and the Optimists have had their ups and downs and should continue having them. KCC have had no bright afternoon so far. Royal Navy are still waiting for the day when full eleven can face the opposition.

TEST MATCH

S. Africans
All Out
For 161

Durban, Dec. 16.—In a race against the weather, England's bowlers dismissed South Africa for 161 by tea time today in the first Test here.

Bad light prevented her batsmen from forcing home the advantage, for with England's score at one for no wicket, stumps were drawn 45 minutes early. This decision was made after a wait of more than half an hour for an improvement.

From the time that Alec Bedser and Cliff Gladwin took the new ball at 148, South Africa lost five wickets for 13 runs in 20 minutes. A persistent drizzle fell during that time.

Helped by the heavy, humid atmosphere, with their swing bowling, Bedser and Gladwin took four for 39 and 3 for 21, respectively.

Roland Jenkins, playing in his first Test match for England, got a wicket with his third ball, the bowlers were backed up, an excellent fielding and good catching. South Africa made a bad start, losing their first two wickets for 18 runs. Then the captain, Dudley Nourse, and Bruce Mitchell, playing in his 30th Test, came together in a third wicket partnership of 51, and seemed to be carrying South Africa through an awkward period when Nourse, with his score at 37, fell to a marvellous catch by Alan Watkins. Mitchell was out for 27, one of Bedser's victims.

D. Derby, who joined Nourse as joint top scorer with 37, and Dawson (24), put up 49 for the sixth wicket before the ultimate collapse, which saw only 13 runs added in 20 minutes.

The tea interval was prolonged to 35 minutes because of rain, and when a start was made an appeal against the light was upheld when only two balls had been bowled. England were one run for no wicket when play was thus brought to a premature close.—Reuter.

EARLIER PLAY

South Africa had made 74 runs for three wickets at the lunch interval today in their first Test against the MCC.

England made a good start, dismissing three of South Africa's best batsmen for 74 runs in 105 minutes before lunch. Fifty-one of these runs came from the third wicket partnership between Dudley Nourse, South Africa's captain, who claimed 37, and Bruce Mitchell, playing in his 30th Test.

Jenkins, England's so-called "secret weapon", got a wicket with his third ball in Test cricket. The other wickets were claimed by Bedser and Wright, who used his new shorter run up and showed improved form.

After two wickets had fallen for 18 runs, a great responsibility rested on Mitchell and Nourse, and they appeared to be carrying South Africa through an awkward period until a marvellous catch by Watkins at forward short-leg off Wright dismissed Nourse.

At lunch, Mitchell was still unbeaten with 21 to his credit.—Reuter.

The teams were:

South Africa.—D. Nourse, E. Rowan, O. Wynne, B. Mitchell, W. Wade, D. Beckett, O. Dawson, A. Rowan, L. Tuckett, N. Mann and C. McCarthy.

England.—L. Hutton, C. Washbrook, W. Simpson, G. Mason, Bedser, D. Compton, C. Gladwin, T. G. Evans, A. Watkins, D. Wright and R. Jenkins.

Scores:

S. Africa, 1st Innings
E. Rowan, c. Evans b. Jenkins 7
O. Wynne, c. Compton b. Bedser 21
B. Mitchell, not out 21
A. Nourse, c. Watkins b. Wright 37
W. Wade, not out 13
Extras 1
Total (for 3 wks) 74

Fall of wickets: 1/9, 2/16, 3/69.—Reuter.

The Scorpions have passed the experimental stage as a team and I can't see them losing to anyone in the second half of the season.

The University, who will be at home at Pokfulam for the nine games following on tomorrow's, have also passed successfully through the experimental era.

MAY BE SHAKEN

Though Recreio could hardly lose to the discouraged Indians tomorrow or to the equally discouraged Craigengower in their next match, they will not have as easy a time of the second half of the season as they had of the first.

They could well lose to the Army, Scorpions, Optimists, RAF, KCC (perhaps in the postponed match as well), and University. Or they could draw several of these matches and find the two first-mentioned teams as much in the running for the Championship by mid-February.

Army, though standing second to date, will have to be on their toes from now on to be overtaken by either of the HKCC teams or the RAF. I see them having a hard time of it even to repeat their victory over University in the second round.

The Scorpions, who stand third, seem to have the brightest future where they cannot depend on Pearce taking three wickets in every match with full tosses. At worst, they can pile up 200 runs for six wickets and sit back while the opposition tries to emulate that feat in 75 to 90 minutes.

The Optimists and RAF have already drawn and lost too many games, as have University and KCC. But all should have a brighter time ahead than in the first half of the competition.

TOMORROW'S CHOICE

The best cricket to watch tomorrow should be at Charter Road, where the Optimists take on RAF in what will be anybody's game, and at Soekunpo, where I can't see the Army bowling dismiss the Scorpions for over 150, even with Steple, Banton and Jones at their best.

Can also foresee Clague and Gee work havoc with the Army batting while there are always Howarth, Owen-Hughes and Pearce to take care of the fall. One never knows who the Scorpions will open their bowling with.

The Charter Road match, with good bowling on either side in a continued rut, should be a high-scoring one. It may well end in a draw.

KCC are at home to the Navy and, if Hart is playing, may be out under three figures. It is not inconceivable that the Navy takes its first four points for a win tomorrow.

Craigengower entertain the University and I have a feeling that the undergraduates will be thoroughly entertained. If they open their bowling with J. C. Koh, could do better than Pearce's 6 for 8 last week.

The University left-hander is just the man to unleash against the Craigengower batting. He could well finish up with eight for three, or caught out in odd corners of the field.

Craigengower, I was told on good authority, will be just about ready to pack up if something of that nature happens.

Interport Soccer

It was disclosed at the Interport Sub-Committee meeting held at the HK Football Association offices yesterday, that the Hungarian team, which was to visit Hongkong during the Chinese New Year Holidays, will not now be coming.

The Korean team will not arrive until January 8 or 9, and it was decided at yesterday's meeting, that if the Korean team could not play off its match on December 31, the original date, the whole visit would be called off.

For the Saigon team, three matches have been arranged. The Interport match with Hongkong will be played on January 29, and the visitors will meet the Combined Chinese team on January 30, and play the Rest on February 1. All these games will be played at Caroline Hill.

Beauty On Skates

London, Dec. 16.—Wembley Stadium are searching for the most beautiful amateur ice skater in London. The search starts at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on Friday, during the usual public skating sessions.

The six loveliest skaters selected by a panel, consisting of four Wembley ice hockey players, will go forward to the final on Boxing Day. An exhibition has been organised to prove that America has not a monopoly of beautiful ice skaters.—Reuter.

Strickland & Koen

Perth, Australia, Dec. 16.—Shirley Strickland, Australian Olympic sprinter, is to tour Australia with Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, the Champion Dutch athlete. It was announced today that the tour starts on January 22 eleven days after the arrival in Australia of Mrs. Blankers-Koen.—Reuter.

By "RECORDER"

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Recreio	7	5	2	0	22
Army	7	4	3	0	19
Scorpions	7	4	1	2	17
Optimists	7	3	2	2	14
University	8	3	2	3	14
RAF	8	2	4	2	12
KCC	7	2	3	2	11
IRC	7	2	3	2	10
Craigengower	8	1	1	6	8
Royal Navy	8	0	2	6	2

TEAM AVERAGES

	Runs	Wkts	Average
Recreio	911	45	20.24
Optimists	891	43	20.71
Scorpions	1,005	50	20.10
RAF	1,143	73	15.65
Army	925	48	19.27
KCC	729	61	11.95
Craigengower	782	74	10.58
University	758	72	10.52
IRC	602	58	10.37
Royal Navy	618	72	8.58

BATTING

	Runs	Wkts	Average
Recreio	659	65	10.13
Scorpions	735	66	11.13
RAF	770	58	13.27
University	924	68	13.59
KCC	839	77	10.89
IRC	707	52	13.59
Optimists	843	66	12.77
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N. Beltrac, Recreio's wicket-keeper, and L. D. Kilbee, Optimists' captain, lead in the number of catches held in League cricket so far. Kilbee played in six League matches and Beltrac in seven.

Leading the catches are:

L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	7
N. Beltrac (Recreio)	7
P. D. Burton (Army)	6
A. M. Rodriguez (Recreio)	6
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	6
K. Nazarin (IRC)	6
D. Chelliah (University)	6
J. M. Gosano (University)	5
W. L. Howard (Optimists)	5
A. M. Souza (Craigengower)	5
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	5

CRAIGENGOWER

The following will represent Craigengower against University in a senior League match at Happy Valley tomorrow:

G. A. Souza, K. Y. Tam, R. Tay, S. Rios, A. M. Rodriguez, P. D. Burton, A. M. Prata, F. Crabtree, J. L. Young, R. O. Baker, H. P. Lim, C. A. Lam.

TENNIS

Now, disregarding all the shallow-end clubs who can play before the end of the season, what real expectation is there for any of these lesser breeds within the League battling the rap before Christmas—as Portsmouth did by picking themselves from bottom place before Christmas.

As it is David Jack believes implicitly that his defence—he says he has the best back in England in the 21-year-old Dedic Robinson—will pull them through.

There are three more games before New Year's Day, and who is going to say that Preston will collect six points from them, or Villa five, and so on?

The one team we are aware of having no inferiority complex about the situation—as Pompey had none in that 1946 season—is Middlesbrough, who have a legitimate feeling that they wouldn't have been this way without the Mannion business.

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OFFICIAL PUNCHED



Dayton, Ohio, football players examine the nose wound of head linesman Frank Jones after he had been punched in the face by Don Mills, Dayton guard, who objected to being put out of the game held at Chattanooga, Tenn. Jones was not seriously hurt but was given a blood transfusion for loss of blood. Chattanooga players look on.—AP Wirephoto.

John Macadam's Column

Soccer Scramble
Starts Early

Usually, it is about a couple of days before Christmas that the Soccer boys cast contemplative eyes over the League tables and mutter to themselves: "They'll go down and they'll go up, and . . . and so on. Like the so-called milder weather (pass me that woolly vest) the muttering and the eyeing of the League tables has come earlier this year and, don't mention it to a soul, but there are a lot of chaps shivering in their goloshes.

It is an ancient axiom of the game of football that 34 points at the end of the season puts a side in a safe position—a position they can achieve by getting 20 points around Christmas.

This is one of the Old Directors' tales in which we ourselves believe and, this being so, a scrutiny of the week-end's tables indicates that whatever light events there will be in the championship, it will be croquet-on-the-lawn stuff compared with the fight to avoid going down.

Regarding the deep end of the First Division—upwards from Villa (13 points) to Huddersfield and proud Preston (14), Sheffield United (15), Everton and Middlesbrough (16), with Chelsea, the Old Invincibles, lying not too far up by 19.

HOW MUCH?

Now, disregarding all the shallow-end clubs who can play before the end of the season, what real expectation is there for any of these lesser breeds within the League battling the rap before Christmas—as Portsmouth did by picking themselves from bottom place before Christmas.

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"LET'S FORGET THE DAVIS CUP

FOR FIVE YEARS," THEY SAY
GATE RECEIPTS FALL FOR
LACK OF A TILDEN

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Dec. 16.—Money talks loudly enough to be heard even by the most aloof and hidebound of lawn tennis associations.

Sports writers agree that no organisations are stiffer and more self-important than the various national tennis groups, but even these august personages are interested in cash.

And when cash remains stubbornly away from the box office, signs of life can be seen among tennis moguls.

Thus the 1948 Davis Cup challenge round produced the worst tennis and the most life of any such international final.

The USA retained the cup by whipping Australia five matches to none, and lost only two sets in the five matches.

Nor was it a great American team which so humiliated the Aussies. It was just a quartet of ordinarily good players, aged from 27 to 34.

NO GREAT NAMES

There were no great names and so the customers stayed away from the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills.

Gate receipts for the three days were \$10,000. In 1945 at Melbourne the Cup finals drew \$80,000, and last year at Forest Hills the matches drew \$45,000.

"Davis Cup challenge round tennis hit a new low," wrote J. P. Allen of the New York Sun.

"The Aussies' pathetic showing took on the aspects of a wake," said the Journal-American.

"Competitively and financially Davis Cup tennis has gone on the rocks," said the New York Telegram. "Best solution would be to forget the whole thing for five years and give foreign weaklings a chance to fatten up."

US Davis Cup official Walter Pate took notice of the criticism and the poor crowds.

BYPASS OLDSTERS

"I think we may bypass the oldsters like Frank Parker, Gardner Mulloy, Bill Talbot and Ted Schroeder next year and let the youngsters play," he said.

Dr. Ellsworth Davenport official Davis Cup referee and an official in the US National Singles tournament for 1949, admitted that the US Lawn Tennis Association is making special concessions to bolster the sagging morale of other nations.

"We are giving foreign players a favoured position on the stadium or grandstand courts for their matches in the singles tourney," he said.

"And we made arrangements about the draw, too—no foreign player is in the same quarter with a man from his own nation."

"For instance, Czechs Vladimir Cernik and Jaroslav Drobny were drawn in the same quarter, so we switched Cernik."

We don't want a foreigner to travel several thousand miles and then play a man from his home town in the first match."

Especially if they play before empty stands.—United Press.

SQUASH RACKETS

Aldershot, Dec. 16.—Aston, Villa having secured Ivor Powell from Queens Park Rangers, are already in the market for another player—Aldershot's six foot centre-half, Rowland, who was—a prisoner-of-war for four years.

Aldershot signed him on in 1945, after he had served with a cut head.—Reuter.

Manchester, Dec. 16.—The Cup holders, Manchester United, faced with the biggest test of the season so far—meeting with the League leaders, Derby County—on Saturday, have half their team on the injured list. Six players, Delaney, Morris, Chilton, Bowley, Milson and McGlen all are doubtful starters.

Another club hard hit by injuries is Hull City, who will travel to Reading for the Second Round replay without Carter and Eddie Burbank.

In addition their centre-half, Means, will be absent with a cut head.—Reuter.

Big Pikes Caught
London, Dec. 13.—A. Jackson, assistant master of Hensby Norfolk holiday camp, caught a 35½ pounds pike, the biggest in Britain since 1876.—Reuter.

Stockholm.—A record pike has been caught in a lake in Jaemtland, North Central Sweden. It weighed 12 pounds, which is claimed as a new world record for male pikes.

The female of the species can be much larger, however. 25 to 35 pounds being not unusual weights. The world record is 40 pounds from Secandaga, N. Y.—Associated Press.

Rickey said it was a straight pincer deal with no cash involved. Risher had been plagued by injuries ever since he returned from service.

McCormick played 155 games for the Braves and batted .303. He played with the Reds before going to Boston.

It was the fourth deal of the meeting and came a few hours after the Cubs sent first baseman Eddie Waitkus and pitcher Hank Borowy to the Phillies for pitchers Emil "Dutch" Leonard and Walter Dubiel.—United Press.

Australian
Sport

By PETER MULGRUE

Boxing Find Began
As Booth-Fighter

Like film star Errol Flynn, Jack Hassen, latest contender for Vic Patrick's vacant lightweight crown, had his first glove fight in Jimmy Sharman's boxing tent at an agricultural show.

Tom Nevill, a Queensland fight manager, spotted him when

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

This Game Bid Has Slam Possibilities

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

MRS HELEN SOBEL, of New York City, lived up to her rating as the outstanding woman bridge player of the world when she again came through to win a championship at the national tournament held in Chicago. She and her teammates, Mrs. Margaret Wagar, Atlanta, Ga., Charles H. Goren and John R. Crawford, Philadelphia, won the masters mixed team-of-four title.

One might think that in kibitzing Mrs. Sobel, it would be quite thrilling to watch her execute fancy plays, but that is not so. She does not rely on the spectacular. Precision and care are the great qualities of her game. There does not appear to be anything particularly startling in today's hand. But Mrs. Sobel knew that to win the match, she should

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♣ A72			♣ KQ43

Jap Warlords' Appeal To Supreme Court Opens

VIOLATION OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION ARGUED

Washington, Dec. 16.—The attorney for seven Japanese war criminals today asked the Supreme Court to review their conviction by the International Tribunal. The hearing was limited by the high court to the issue of its jurisdiction to look into the cases.

William Logan, Jr. representing the Japanese warlords, was interrupted frequently by questions from the bench as he maintained that the Far East Tribunal was "strictly an American creation."

Mr Logan said establishment of the Tribunal by General MacArthur was illegal usurpation of the powers of the executive branch and the military.

The Solicitor-General, Mr. Philip Perlman, contended that the convicted Japanese war criminals were not governed by and had no standing to assert rights under the constitution and laws of the United States.

Counsel for the Japanese contended the prosecution of crime against "peace and humanity" retroactively violated the United States constitution.

Mr Perlman argued that General MacArthur acted for the Allied powers in concert. He said: "The Allied character of the occupation has been constantly recognized and reaffirmed by the United States Government, the Allied powers and the Far Eastern Commission."

Mr Perlman introduced a letter, written on December 4 by the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, in which Mr Lovett outlined the authority, both from the U.S. and from the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission, under which General MacArthur established the Far Eastern Tribunal and affirmed the sentences passed.

Mr Lovett had written: "The Department of State regards the International Military Tribunal for the Far East as an international court appointed and acting under international authority."

Mr Perlman said that since the petitioners were held under the judgment of the International Tribunal, no national court could review the judgment or any action taken to carry out judgment. It is expected the hearings will conclude on Friday and the Court will meet Saturday in its weekly secret conference, at which time the case presumably will be discussed and decided. The earliest announcement of the decision will be Monday; if there is no announcement then, none is expected until January 3.

GOVERNMENT'S WARNING

The Government today bluntly told the Supreme Court that America's role in world affairs will suffer if the Court interferes with the conviction of Japan's war leaders.

The statement was made by Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman, in a brief filed with the Court.

He said that American courts have no authority over sentences imposed upon Japanese convicted as war criminals by the International Tribunal.

The Court was scheduled later today to hear the counsel for the seven of the convicted war lords, challenge the legality of their trial by the Far East Military Tribunal.

The immediate issue before the Court was its own authority to review the convictions. Mr Perlman has made it clear how the executive branch of the Government feels about it.

DEEP CONCERN

"We do not hesitate to declare the Government's deep concern at any such threat to our power to engage in international activities... most unpropitious consequences can be anticipated... a peaceful and judicial settlement of international disputes, as well as the continued growth of world law is bound to be hampered. Other co-operative endeavours... such as United Nations activities will also suffer."

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NAAFI

"The Army of Today's alight." At least, so it would appear from these photographs of the new £70,000 NAAFI which has been built at Aldershot. It will be opened in time for Christmas. The new building, which is in the nature of a "good hotel" is equipped with a theatre, restaurant, tavern, reading and writing rooms and a lounge with a television set.

Alleged Rubber Cartel

U.S. Department of Justice Files Suit

Washington, Dec. 16.—The United States Department of Justice announced today that it had filed a suit to break up an alleged unlawful world cartel in natural rubber products.

The complaint, filed by the Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, named the defendants, the Dunlop Rubber Company, Limited, of London; the Consolidated Rubber Manufacturers, Limited, of New York City and London; and the United States Rubber Company of New York City.

The suit, filed under the United States civil anti-trust laws, charges "unlawful cartel agreements which prevent the import into and the export from the United States of products manufactured from natural rubber or latex."

DIVIDED WORLD MARKETS

An announcement by the Department of Justice said: "The complaint charges that the defendants and co-conspirators have divided the world markets in latex products, including rubber thread, elastic yarn and fabrics and other articles made from such thread or yarn, by unlawful agreements not to sell or ship these products to territory allocated to another defendant or co-conspirator."

The complaint also alleges that the defendants and co-conspirators have established a worldwide patent pool, and have organized "jointly-owned companies whose manufacturing and selling operations have been restricted to designated territories," the Department of Justice added.

"The complaint alleges, as some of the effects of the unlawful conspiracy, that competition among the defendants and co-conspirators has been eliminated throughout the markets of the world, and that exports and imports of the United States have been restricted."

"The complaint points out that while the war and disturbed world conditions have caused some minor alterations in the operations of the cartel, the basic cartel arrangements have nevertheless continued in existence," the Department of Justice stated.—Reuter.

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The Mystery Of The Missing Will

PROBLEM THAT WOULD HAVE TAXED INGENUITY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

London, Dec. 16.—If Sherlock Holmes could only walk the few steps from Baker Street to Grosvenor Square he would find a mystery worthy of his mettle.

That goes for other fictional detection wizards, including Perry Mason, Hercule Poirot, The Shadow and The Saint.

But at that it might be unfair to ask them to examine The case of the Missing Multi-Million Dollar Will. Truth is so much stranger than fiction in this instance that even Sherlock wisely might prefer to go back to plucking his violin.

Mr Truman Is Silent On Chiang Talks

Washington, Dec. 16.—At a press conference today, President Truman declined to add anything to his previous remarks made concerning Madame Chiang Kai-shek's visit. Asked if he would comment on her personal visit for tea with the Presidential family at Blair House, Mr. Truman said he would not.

The President revealed that he would deliver the State of the Union message to Congress in person on January 6 and later submit a special report on foreign policy.

In his first post-election discussion of legislative plans for the 81st Congress, he said the budget for the fiscal year of 1949 would be submitted to Congress either on January 7 or 10. His annual economic report will go up some time between delivery of the State of the Union message and submission of the budget.

ATTITUDE UNCHANGED

The first question tossed at President Truman was whether he had changed his mind about the Alger Hiss indictment on perjury charges.

The President said he had not, that he still thought it was a red herring and that he considered the incident closed.

He said if Congress passed a salary increase for him he would not vote it. He added that he wanted it explicitly clear, however, that he had not asked for a raise in pay, but he did want more money for other top Government officials.—United Press.

Paper Queries Killings

Singapore, Dec. 17.—The Chinese owned, English language newspaper, Malaya Tribune, demanded on Thursday that the Government explain fully the killing of 24 Chinese near Kuala Kubu on Sunday by a patrol of police and Scots Guards.

The Government has identified the slain Chinese as bandits, a term usually applied to Communist-led insurgents fighting the British in Malaya. The 24 were surprised in a camp on Saturday night. They were pinned up in the camp overnight and the Government said they were killed when they tried to escape the next morning.

WANTS REASSURANCE

The Tribune said the public realise the war against insurgents was a grim business and it does not wish "to hamper the men in the field by expecting them to fight in kid gloves."

"But at the same time we wish to be reassured that when blood is shed, it is the blood of the guilty and not of the innocent," the newspaper said.

The affair at Kuala Kubu has a Macabre air of execution—execution without trial. Were all the "dead men" proved bandits? To prevent their escape was it necessary to shoot to kill? Surely, the patrol, outnumbered two to one, must have anticipated an attempt at escape would be made. Could they not have bound the prisoners? Associated Press.



POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Well, I guess that's the last time Sherry'll try to corner the roman candle market."

HISS PLEADS NOT GUILTY

New York, Dec. 16.—Alger Hiss today pleaded innocent to the charge that he committed perjury by denying he supplied secret Government documents for delivery to Russia.

Hiss pleaded innocent to both counts of perjury on which he was indicted yesterday by a Grand Jury investigating Communism and espionage.

Federal Judge John W. Clancy set January 24 as the tentative trial date.

Hiss's Counsel, Edward McLean, agreed to the Government's request for a \$5,000 bail.—United Press.

British Official Gravely Injured

Santander, Dec. 16.—The British Vice Consul in Bilbao, Mr. Richard Ricketts, was gravely injured near here on Thursday when the car in which he was travelling to Bilbao overturned.

The Spanish chauffeur and a mining engineer, Sr. Eduardo Sandoz, accompanying Mr. Ricketts, suffered only slight scratches and bruises.

Mr. Ricketts is in hospital in Santander with very severe head injuries and his condition was described as very grave. The cause of the accident was not immediately determined.—Associated Press.

EMPTY VASE

A spiritualist wrote in that the will was hidden either in a tall black vase or a Louis XIV gilt settee, covered with yellow silk with a crest of musical instruments.

Cohen would have discounted the letter except that those two objects had been in the house during Mrs. Alexander's lifetime and the spiritualist hardly could have known about them. A long search of rummage shops produced the vase, which was found to have a hollow bottom, but it was empty.

The six-legged settee has not yet been found.

A West African witch doctor started for Britain to use voodoo but was headed off. A member of a cult called "Dawson's Pendulum" offered to use a secret pendulum device which, he said, would stop as it pointed out the hiding place.

Meanwhile, claims for the Alexander fortune began mounting up. Letters from alleged relatives came from the United States. Two of those who claimed relationship were Buffalo, New York, sisters, Mrs. Paul Houck and Mrs. Lurline Fischer.

Cohen then started looking for Chinese bronze dog figures whose movable teeth were said to conceal a hiding place. The ornaments were disposed of, however, and cannot be located.—United Press.

ADMIRAL TO BE AMBASSADOR?

Manila, Dec. 17.—Malacanan Palace sources today said Rear Admiral Howard H. Godd was slated to become U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, succeeding Mr. Emmet O'Neal, who resigned recently.

Admiral Godd, who commanded the United States naval forces in the Philippines until last May, is scheduled to retire from the Navy in January. He left here to become commander of the 13th Naval District at Seattle.

The report was not confirmed by other sources.—United Press.

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FUTURE RICE RATIONS UNKNOWN

London, Dec. 16.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told Parliament today that he was unable to forecast what the future rice rations scales in Malaya would be until allocations by the International Emergency Food Committee for the first half of next year had been made.

He had been asked to what extent disturbance in Burma was likely to prevent an increase in the Malayan rice ration.—Reuter.

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